

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending student-athlete Aidan Cohane upon the occasion of capturing the 2016 New York State Overall Men's Alpine Skiing Championship

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Aidan Cohane, a student at Windham-Ashland-Jewett (WAJ) Central School, captured the New York State Overall Men's Alpine Skiing Title by winning all four runs with an exceptional time of 1:31.17; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Aidan Cohane is a five-time Section IV Overall Male Champion and a Slalom and Giant Slalom Champion; he is also undefeated in Section IV regular season competition since 2012, and has led his team to its first and only state title in any sport; and

WHEREAS, The highest ranked public high school skier in the Eastern United States, Aidan Cohane skis for Windham Mountain in the United States Ski and Snowboard Association series where he has won the 2014 Under 16 State Championship and the 2015 Under 18 State Championship; and

WHEREAS, After training and competing in Switzerland, and across the United States and Canada, Aidan Cohane also currently competes on the Federation Internationale Du Ski Circuit against many of the best skiers from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, A gifted student-athlete, Aidan Cohane is active in four varsity sports at his school, and is All-State in Alpine Skiing and Baseball, and All-Delaware-League in Soccer and Golf; he has also won numerous scholar athlete awards and maintains a 4.0 GPA while taking many Advanced Placement and College Level courses; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed young man's overall record is outstanding and he was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Active in his school community, Aidan Cohane has served as Vice President and President of the WAJ Student Body, and is a six-year member and current Treasurer of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Aidan is the President of The WAJ Senior Band and an All Greene County saxophone player, as well as a member of his school's Drama Club, Mock Trial Club, and Championship Robotics Team; and

WHEREAS, Outside of extracurricular activities, Aidan Cohane has served on an individual internship/obsevationship with a respected cardiologist, and has traveled to Malta as a volunteer with the Order of Malta Camp to work with the physically and mentally challenged; he is also a recent Confirmant and long-time parishioner at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church in Windham, New York; and

WHEREAS, Aidan Cohane's exemplary performance is reflective of his dedication, determination and personal commitment; his achievements stand as a hallmark of what is best in the families, schools and communities across New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend student-athlete Aidan Cohane upon the occasion of capturing the 2016 New York State Overall Men's Alpine Skiing Championship, and to congratulate him for the enduring honor he has brought to the Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Aidan Cohane.